

1 (a) ~~Hearings under~~All hearings pursuant to this chapter shall be conducted by the court
2 without a jury and separate from other proceedings. The general public shall be excluded from
3 delinquency, in need of supervision, or dependency hearings and only the parties, their counsel,
4 witnesses, and other persons requested by a party shall be admitted. Other persons as the court
5 finds to have a proper interest in the case or in the work of the court may be admitted by the
6 court on condition that the persons refrain from divulging any information which would identify
7 the child or family involved. If the court finds that it is in the best interest of the child, the child
8 may be temporarily excluded from the hearings, except while allegations of delinquency or in
9 need of supervision are being heard. ~~Relatives, pre-adoptive parents, or foster parents who have~~
10 ~~been approved by the Department of Human Resources providing care to a child shall be given~~
11 ~~notice and an opportunity to be heard in any hearing to be held with respect to a child in their~~
12 ~~care, except that no such person shall be made a party to the case by virtue solely of such notice~~
13 ~~and opportunity to be heard.~~

14 (b) After the filing of a petition ~~when the petition alleges or evidence reveals to the court that~~
15 ~~a child may be a multiple needs child, and that previous plans developed by an agency, or~~
16 ~~agencies, have not met the needs of the child~~alleging that a child is delinquent, dependent, or in
17 need of supervision or after the filing of a petition seeking the mental commitment of a child, the
18 court, on its own motion or motion of a party ~~or party's parent or guardian or upon motion of the~~
19 ~~Department of Youth Services, a school system, the Department of Human Resources, the~~
20 ~~Department of Public Health, the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, or~~
21 ~~juvenile court probation services~~, may refer the child to the county children's services facilitation
22 team for evaluation and review. This evaluation may occur prior to any hearing, or the court may
23 suspend proceedings during the hearing or prior to disposition to review the findings and
24 recommendations of the county children's services facilitation team.